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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication in CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On behalf of CenturyTel, Inc., on Wednesday, August 13, 2003, I met with the following individuals concerning the Commission's above-referenced proceeding:

*Office of Chairman Powell:* Christopher Libertelli  
*Office of Commissioner Adelstein:* Scott Bergmann  
*Office of Commissioner Copps:* Jessica Rosenworcel

In these meetings, we discussed the arguments CenturyTel has made in its written pleadings in this docket, the testimony given by Jeffrey Glover of CenturyTel before the Federal-State Joint Board at its July 31<sup>st</sup> hearing, and an *ex parte* letter filed by CenturyTel in this proceeding on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the August 8<sup>th</sup> letter (already on file in this docket) were also given to Ms. Rosenworcel and Mr. Libertelli.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me.

Very truly yours,

Karen Brinkmann

cc: Christopher Libertelli  
Scott Bergmann  
Jessica Rosenworcel